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BEGIN SUMMARY; FOLLOWING ARE SOME FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF
FIRUT FAMILY IN CHINA, AS REFLECTED IN RAPTUROUS OUTPOURING
OF LOCAL MEDIA. BOTH SIDAS HAVA ALREADY AIRED WHAT ARE CLEARLY
PRIMARY CONCERNS--ON PRC SIDE, KEAR OF SOVIAT EXPANSION; ON
PHILIPPINE SIDE, FEAR OF CHINESE SUPPORT FOR SUBERSION.
KOLLOWING TALKS WITH CHOU, MARCOS REPRTEDELY SAID QUESTION OF
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US BASES NOT RAISED, AND OBSERVED THAT GOP MEMBERSHIP IN

SEATO AND ANTI-SUBVERSION LAW WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH SOCIALISTS. IN LATEST COVERAGE (EVENING JUNE 9) MANILA PRESS IS PREDICTING JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BEFORE END OF DAY. END SUMMARY.

1. PHILIPPINE PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA HAVE PREDICTABLY INUNDATED PUBLIC WITH COVERAGE OF FIRST FAMILY IN CHINA, INCLUDING CONSIDERABLE LIVE TV COVERAGE. FOLLOWING ARE SOME SUBSTANTIVE POINTS GLEANED FROM COVERAGE AVAILABLE HERE (WHICH NO DOUBT HIGHLY SELECTIVE).

2. BOTH SIDES QUICKLY AND CLEARLY REVEALED WHAT CONCERNS THEM MOST. TENG'S BANQUET SPEECH REFERENCE TO DANGER OF HEGEMONIST SOVIET TIGER ARRIVING AS IMPERIALIST U.S. TIGER DEPARTS WAS MATCHED BY MARCOS EMPHASIS ON NON-INTERVENTION AND MUTUAL TOLERANCE BETWEEN COUNTRIES WHICH DIFFER GREATLY IN SIZE AND SOCIAL SYSTEM. MEDIA ALSO EMPHASIZED MAO'S PLEDGE (AS REPORTED BY MARCOS) THAT CHINA WOULD NEITHER "EXPLOIT NOR OVERTHROW THE PHILIPPINES" AND CHOU'S ALLEGED ASSURANCE OF NON-SUPPORT FOR SUBVERSION.

3. MEDIA ALSO EMPHASIZING RECENT GOP THIRD WORLD THEME. IN BANQUET SPEECH, MARCOS PAID LAVISH TRIBUTE TO CHINA'S ROLE AS "NATURAL" LEADER OF THIRD WORLD, BUT HE LINKED THIS WITH CHINA'S WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW OTHER NATIONS TO DEVELOP OWN SOCIAL SYSTEMS.

4. LITTLE SUBSTANCE OF TALKS WITH CHOU OR MAO RELEASED. MARCOS REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS AFTERWARDS THAT IN VIEW OF DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES GOP WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW MEMBERSHIP IN SEATO AND REEXAMINE ANTI-SUBVERSION LAW. HE ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT QUESTION OF U.S. BASES NOT DISCUSSED. HE SAID ASEAN ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY (ALREADY FAVORABLY MENTIONED BY TENG IN BANQUET SPEECH) WOULD BE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION IN HIS MEETING WITH TENG JUNE 9.

5. TELEVISION CARRIED BRIEF FILM CLIPS OF MEETINGS WITH BOTH MAO AND CHOU. CHAIRMAN LOOKED DODDERY, BUT NO MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SO THAN ON OCCASION HIS MEETING WITH IMELDA LAST YEAR.

6. MINUTES OF HIGH HUMOR IN HOURS OF OFTEN TEDIOUS COVERAGE INCLUDED SHOTS OF IMELDA AND DAUGHTERS TOURING RAD STAR COMMUNE ADORNED IN MAO JACKETS AND CAPS (PROBABLY TAILORED BY CARDIN) BEING GREETED BY HORDES OF CHINESE GIRLS ALL WEARING WHAT APPEARED TO BE ORDINARY WESTER-STYLE DRESSES.

7. MANILA MEDIA PLAQED UP VISITORS' CATHOLIC MASS IN TAGALOG (WITH TRAJE AND MANUFACTURING DELEGATION MAKING UP CHOIR, ANTONIO AYALA AS MASS SARVER, ETC.) CELEBRANT (FR. HOSE CRUZ, S.J. OF ATENEO UNIV.) OFFERED WHAT UOUNDED LIKE POINTED ADVISE IN SERMON TO EFFECT THAT FILIPINOS SHOULD NOT LOSE "NATIVE SENSE OF GENEROSITY" IN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE DEVELOPMENT. (TRANSLATION: "LET'S NOT GET CARRIED AWAY, FRIENDS*")

8. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE ALSO PUBLICIZED PRESIDENTIAL DECREE WHICH GAVE PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS TO 1,785 "OVARSTAYING CHINESE" ALIENS. ALSO, PERIOD FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS OF ALIENS SEEKING NATURALIZATION UNDER LIBERALIZED PROCEDURE EXTENDED TO JULY 15.

(BOTH MOVES ANNOUNCED ON EVE OF PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FOR PEKING). LEFT- OPPORTUNIST DAILY ORIENT NEWS RAN PICUTRE OF DEPARTING ROC AMBASSADOR LIU BEING ESCORTED TO AIRPORT BY PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION OF CHINESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, WHO CASTIGATED BY THIS PAPER FOR BEING "COOL" TO THE FIRST FAMILY'S PEKING TRIP.

9. LATEST COVERAGE (EVENING PAPERS OF JUNE 9) PREDICTS THAT COMMUNIQUE ESTABLISHING FORMAL TIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER TODAY FOLLOWING MARCOS-TENG TALKS.

10. FURTHER REPORTING AND ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW.
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